

larged." I but adopt the language of the sage of Ashland when I say "no good man can wish to see Slavery extended over the Mexican territories." I but adopt the language of the sage of Monticello when I say "no slavery or involuntary servitude (except for the punishment of crimes) ought hereafter to exist in any Territory under the jurisdiction of the General Government," and in view of this subject "I tremble for my Country when I reflect that God is just, and that his justice will not sleep forever." If Slavery be an evil (and so it is admitted by many) I can see no advantage in its extension. If it is right and profitable I think those who enjoy it, ought not to complain at its monopoly, consequently I would say, leave it where it is, but never extend it where it does not exist. It is no advantage for a man of my age to labour in Error, and I am glad to receive admonition from Your Excellency, or any other person in any thing like good taste. , but the late attempts to put to shame every thing that was not favourable to give Taylor even at the expense of truth, and by Mob violence and threats in this neighborhood, and the casting aside of Mr. Clay in the Philadelphia Convention, because he was not in favour of extending Slavery over Mexico, has caused me to adopt the motto of No mob violence, or unconstitutional Law, No Division of the Union, No extension of Slavery. But Free Soil, Free Labour, a Free Press, and Free Men. This I conceive to be in perfect harmony with the Spirit of the American people, should I be wrong, it will only be necessary to convince me of my error and I will leave it immediately, for I have no idea of "fighting it out, right or wrong." Common observation, Natural and Moral Philosophy have long ago taught me, that error can never be cured by pursuing the course of error, any more than falsehood can be made truth by adding yet another falsehood. I would be extremely happy to know your opinions respecting Slavery as it exists in this Country, whether it is right between man and man, and whether you believe it can always exist in its present form without danger both to Master and Slave.

With sentiments of the highest regard, I remain,

Yours in much hurry.